

The Sensitive Lands Ordinance review marked a major milestone on the 17th of June, 2010 – the official Sensitive Lands Review Committee met for the first time and reviewed the draft ordinance. The committee is made up of 18 professionals with backgrounds that include university professors, professional geologists, structural engineers, civil engineers, urban planners, an ecologist, fire prevention specialists, mapping specialists and more.

The committee has been formed by the community development director as a special part of the development review committee as a special extension to review this unique ordinance. The review of the ordinance is likely to take about six to eight weeks with this group before they pass their recommendations on to the planning commission which will then review it and make a recommendation to the city council. The ordinance will be available for public review once the committee has forwarded a draft to the planning commission. Until the committee is finished working with the draft ordinance, it will not be available for public review. Once the document is available for public review, there will be ample time for citizens to review and make comments on the ordinance prior to any decision being made on the document.

FYI: The Sensitive Lands Evaluation and Development Standards ordinance will govern all development/building on property located on or around sensitive geologic, hydrologic and other hazard areas. A very in depth process was conducted by staff professionals and contracted geologists and geotechnical engineers over the last year to identify as many natural and man-made hazards that exist in the City and then to draft an ordinance that best controls development on and around these unique areas. The new ordinance enhances and supports ordinances that are already codified by the City and replaces the chapter 19.72 Sensitive Lands, and 19.75 Geologic Hazards ordinances.

The members of the committee are as follows:

Hyrum Alba - Geologist, Professional Engineer
Mike Allen - Public Works Director
Michael Black - Community Development Director, Planner
Morgan Brim - Planner
Elli Cosky - Long Range Planner
David Gellner - Planner
Brad Gilson - City Engineer
Jody Hilton - Chief Building Official
Danny Horn - PhD Geology, Professor
Brad Jorgansen – Real Estate Professional, Planning Commissioner
Chris McCandless - Developer/Sandy City Councilman
Kendall Perry - Fire Inspector
Spender Sanders - Planner
Jennifer Shah - PhD Ecologist, Planning Commissioner
Tim Soffe - Landscape Architect
Tim Thompson - Geologist
Tee Tyler - City Council
Mike Watson – Fire Battalion Chief